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Telecommunications and Construction Projects of the Volkspolizei

in the Pasewalk - Oeckermuende Area.

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1. Additional requests, made by the VP between 13 October and 22 November 1952, for telecommunication lines definitely revealed the activation of a higher command agency at Pasewalk. The requests were made by Colonel Rochlitzer (fm), who actually is stationed in Eggesin and who is head of the management of building operations at Torgelow and all building projects in this area.¹
2. Requests for telecommunication lines by the KVP at Pasewalk included: 2 telephone lines between Pasewalk and Altwarz; 2 telephone lines between Pasewalk and Karpin; 2 telephone lines between Pasewalk and Spechtberg; 2 telephone lines between Pasewalk and Droegeheide; 2 telephone lines between Pasewalk and Stallberg; 2 telephone lines between Pasewalk and the telephone central of the management of building operations at Torgelow; 2 telephone lines between Pasewalk and Prenzlau; 1 teletype line each from Pasewalk to Altwarz, Spechtberg, Karpin, Droegeheide, Stallberg and Prenzlau; 1 telephone main line between the Altwarz central switchboard and the Altwarz installation; 1 telephone main line between the Eggesin central switchboard and the Karpin installation; 1 telephone main line between the Uhlenkrug central switchboard and the Stallberg installation; and 1 telephone main line each between the Torgelow central switch-board and the Spechtberg and Droegeheide installations. On 18 November 1952, lines connected over trunk wires included one telephone line each from Pasewalk to Fuerstenberg/Mecklenburg, Dresden and Leipzig. A new post office including a telecommunication office is scheduled to be established at Torgelow in 1953.¹
3. By 22 November 1952, the new buildings constructed in the northeastern area of East Germany included only EM quarters and kitchen-and-mess buildings. The projects at the Altwarz, Droegeheide and Stallberg installations had made the most progress and were partially occupied. No buildings to store heavy weapons and vehicles were observed. Numerous highway construction crews from the areas around Leipzig and Dresden were employed.

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4. Shipments of all types of building materials, and recently materials for road construction, continued to arrive at a steady rate. The Uecker-muende and the Hoppenwalde railroad stations, the marshaling yard of the former Sprengchemie Gunnitz, the Torgelow and the Ferdinandshof railroad stations, and the entire spur track, about 1.5 km long, to the brickyard "Merkur" at Jatznick were used as unloading points. The spur parallels national highway No 109 from the village of Jatznick as far as the railroad station of Jatznick, where a cleared wooded area adjacent to the railroad station was being used as a collecting point and storage yard for construction materials. The construction materials were carried by 20 tilting trucks from the track to the collecting point. From there they were shipped to the individual building sites in accordance with demands. Sometimes, so many shipments came in that individual freight trains had to wait for periods of three or four days until they were unloaded. Twice weekly, cement was picked up at Ruedersdorf near Berlin by convoys of 25 to 30 trucks of the Torgelow motor transport office.
5. Most tent camps of the organization "Dienst fuer Deutschland" (Service for Germany) at the individual building sites were replaced by barracks. Complete tent camps still existed only at the Droegeheide and Stallberg installations. The Stallberg tent camp included an area, south of the camp street, where extensive boring experiments, allegedly connected with the planned construction of a new waterworks, were performed.
6. Vehicle storage sheds were under construction on a building site adjacent to the area of the former Cuirassier Barracks near the small drill ground, east of the barracks installation. Officers' billets were under construction south of the barracks area. The regional hospital, which had been under construction for two years, was taken over as a military hospital by the VP. The installation, actually included three occupied buildings. No civilian patients were admitted. A very large number of prefabricated barracks sections was stored in the area adjacent to the hospital.
7. The 1st Brigade of the DfD organization at Pasewalk moved from the old officers' mess into newly constructed low barracks buildings at the intersection of Torgelower Strasse and Linden Strasse.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. This telecommunication network is undoubtedly to connect the headquarters of the Armeegruppe Nord stationed at Pasewalk with the subordinate units and the individual building projects. There is no direct communication with Pinnow, the station of the 3rd Inf Regt of the Prenzlau Division. The purpose of the direct telephone communications with Fuerstenberg, Dresden and Leipzig is not known.

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